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Vukmir Urges Caution with Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

(Madison, WI) – State Senator Leah Vukmir (R – Wauwatosa), chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, has concerns the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact will delegate excessive authority to a multistate organization. The Wisconsin State Assembly has announced that it will be voting on Assembly Bill 253 Thursday. Senator Vukmir released the following statement:

“At first glance, I thought the compact was a good way for Wisconsin to modernize its licensure of doctors across state borders. However, looking into the details there are many reasons to be concerned with the proposed legislation.

“My apprehensions stem from affording an interstate organization the ability to levy and collect fees from Wisconsin taxpayers absent of legislative oversight. Many aspects of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact have yet to be determined, and Wisconsin would be required to agree to all provisions prior to knowing the content or impact.”

Senator Vukmir continued, “The Interstate Medical Licensure Compact’s rules and regulations are binding for member states regardless if those rules violate Wisconsin state law. This legislation has the potential to be a dangerous step toward federalizing the licensure of physicians. I have long been opposed to growth in government bureaucracy, and I hope my colleagues give serious consideration prior to supporting the medical licensure compact.”

Senator Vukmir represents Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

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